

What is claimed is:

1. An illuminated identification system comprising:
  - a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed,
- 5 and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;
  - a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;
  - an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;
- 10 a flashing means in series with said power source;
  - a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means, and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through
- 15 said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,
  - a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said
- 20 lighting means.

2. The illuminated identification system of claim 1 wherein said second switch comprises a photocell, which is open when it is daylight, and is closed when ambient light reaches a predetermined level.
3. The illuminated identification system of claim 1 further comprising;
  - 25 a remote control receiver, in series with a power source, wherein said remote control receiver controls said first switch; and,
    - a remote control, which controls said remote control receiver.
4. The illuminated identification system of claim 3 wherein said remote control receiver is remotely located from said light chamber.

5. The illuminated identification system of claim 1 further comprising an external light mounted externally to said light chamber, wherein said external light is in series with said power source.
6. The illuminated identification system of claim 5 wherein said external light
- 5 is further in series with said second switch, such that said second switch is between said external light and said power source, and in parallel with said flashing means.
7. The illuminated identification system of claim 1 wherein said power source is a low voltage 12 VAC power source.
- 10 8. The illuminated identification system of claim 7 further comprising a low voltage transformer, wherein said low voltage power source originates from a standard 110 VAC power source which is routed through said low voltage transformer.
9. The illuminated identification system of claim 8 further comprising a resistor in parallel with said flashing means.
- 15 10. The illuminated identification system of claim 9 wherein said resistor is approximately 100 ohms.
11. The illuminated identification system of claim 8 wherein said low voltage transformer is remotely located from said light chamber.
- 20 12. The illuminated identification system of claim 1 further comprising;  
a red emergency light, wherein said red emergency light is in series with said power source;
13. a second flashing means, wherein said second flashing means is in series with said red emergency light, but not in series with said first flashing means,
- 25 said first switch or said second switch; and,  
a third switch, wherein said third switch is in series with said red emergency light and said second flashing means, but not in series with said first switch or said second switch, and wherein said third switch is controlled by an external alarm system.
- 30 13. The illuminated identification system of claim 1 wherein said illuminated identification system is installed on a mailbox assembly.

14. A mailbox assembly with an illuminated identification system integral thereto, comprising:

- a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

5        a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

- an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

10      a mailbox, having a post portion, and a box portion, wherein said mailbox has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber;

- a flashing means in series with said power source;
- a first switch, wherein said first switch is in series with said flashing means, such that when said first switch is open power flows from said power source to said lighting means, and does not flow through said flashing means,

15      and when said first switch is closed, power flows from said power source through said flashing means to said lighting means, causing said lighting means to flash on and off; and,

- a second switch, wherein said second switch is in series with said power source, such that when said second switch is open, power does not flow to said lighting means, and when said second switch is closed, power flows to said lighting means.

20      15. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 further comprising a photocell, wherein said photocell is connected in series between said lighting means and said second switch.

25      16. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein said second switch is a photocell, which is open when it is daylight, and is closed when ambient light reaches a predetermined level.

30      17. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 further comprising a remote control receiver, in series with a power source, wherein said remote control receiver controls said first switch; and,

- a remote control, which controls said remote control receiver.

18. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 17 wherein said remote control receiver is remotely located from said mailbox assembly.
19. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of 5 claim 14 wherein the power source is a battery.
20. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein the power source is a capacitor which has been charged by a solar panel array.
21. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of 10 claim 14 wherein said mailbox assembly has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber in said post portion.
22. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein said mailbox assembly has been adapted to accommodate said light chamber in said box portion.
- 15 23. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein said mailbox post portion has a base which is secured to the ground, and a top which supports said box portion, further comprising a standard electrical outlet mounted into said base of said post portion, wherein said electrical outlet is in series with said lighting means and wherein said electrical 20 outlet is located between the power source, and said lighting means.
24. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 further comprising an external light mounted externally to said mailbox, wherein said external light is in series with said power source.
25. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 24 wherein said external light is further in series with said second switch.
26. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein said power source is a low voltage 12 VAC power source.
27. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of 30 claim 26 further comprising a low voltage transformer, wherein said low voltage power source originates from a standard 110 VAC power source which is routed through said low voltage transformer.

28. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 27 further comprising a resistor in parallel with said flashing means.
29. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 28 wherein said resistor is approximately 100 ohms.

5    30. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 27 wherein said low voltage transformer is remotely located from said light chamber.

31. The illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein the power source is a battery.

10    32. The illuminated identification system of claim 14 wherein the power source is a capacitor which has been charged by a solar panel array.

33. The mailbox assembly with integral illuminated identification system of claim 14 further comprising:
  - a red emergency light, wherein said red emergency light is in series with said power source; and,
  - a switch five, wherein said red emergency light is in series with said switch five, but not in series with said first switch or said second switch, and wherein said switch five is controlled by an external alarm system.

15    34. An illuminated identification system comprising:

20        a light chamber, wherein said light chamber is environmentally sealed, and wherein one surface of said chamber is non-opaque;

a lighting means, wherein said lighting means is in series with a power source, and wherein said lighting means is in said light chamber;

an opaque identification stencil, wherein said identification stencil is placed over said non-opaque light chamber surface;

a remote control receiver;

a second switch, wherein said second switch is controlled by said remote control receiver, and wherein said second switch is in series with said lighting means, between said lighting means and the power source, such that said

25        remote control receiver can either cause said second switch to close, allowing

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power to flow to said lighting means, or cause said second switch to open, preventing power from flowing to said lighting means; and

a remote control, wherein said remote control activates said remote control receiver.